(d) Some of the steps taken to increase the exports from the EPZs include broadening of the area of activity to include trading, re-export after re-packing labeling, repairs, reconditioning and re-engineering, higher access to domestic market, flexible value addition norms and simplification of custom procedures.

STATEMENT

Export earnings through Export Processing Zones during the last three years

(Rs. Crores)

Zone	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Kandla FIZ	270.36	320.03	325.29
Santacruz Electronics EPZ	1107.36	1549.46	1876.29
Noida EPZ	262.62	367.00	496.89
Madras EPZ	200.20	281.38	391.92
Cochin EPZ	83.81	102.53	120.31
Falta EPZ	35.56	32.31	24.04
Vizag EPZ	-	0.40	0.89
Total	1959.91	2653.11	3235.63

[Translation]

Royalty on Coal

421. SHRI R.LP. VERMA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of royalty to be paid on coal by the Union Government to the States as on October 31, 1996 State-wise; and

(b) the amount paid as royalty on coal by the Union Government to Bihar Government during the years 1994-95 and 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) Royalty on coal is not payable by the Union Government to the concerned State Government. As per the provision in Section 9(1) of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation & Development) Act, 1957, the royalty is payable by the holder of the coal mining lease. The State-wise amounts of royalty payable by Coal India Limited (CIL) to the coal producing States as on 31-10-96 for the coal despatched from the mines on which CIL holds the leases are as under:-

States	Amount (Rs. in crores)
1	2
West Bengal	2.59
Bihar	8.12
Orissa	16.96
Maharashtra	0.74
Madhya Pradesh	0.31
Uttar Pradesh	0.00
Assam	0.01
Total	28.73

The amount of royalty payable by Singareni Collieries Company Limited to the Government of Andhra Pradesh during the period from 1.4.96 to 31.10.96 is Rs.159.40 crores.

(b) The amount of royalty on coal paid to the Government of Bihar during 1994-95 and 1995-96 are as under :-

Years	Amount (Rs. in crores)
1994-95	613.18
1995-96	658.33

[English]

Debt Trap

422. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering a statutory cap on Government borrowings;

(b) if so, whether the Government have received representations to invoke Article 292 and 293 of the Constitution to enable Parliament to cap Government borrowings; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (c). Suggestions in this regard have been made in the past by Parliamentary Committees, Hon'ble Members and others, including most recently, the Reserve Bank of India.

The suggestion is under consideration.

Foreign Exchange Regulations

423. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the R.B.I. has relaxed foreign exchange regulations recently; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?